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RESPONSE TO FINAL ACTION AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED

EXAMINATION

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Final Action mailed September 03, 2004. As this response is being filed within two months after the three month shortened statutory time period, a two-month extension of time is believed necessary. However, Applicant conditionally petitions for an additional extension of time to provide for the possibility that the need for an additional extension has inadvertently been overlooked. Please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2121 for any necessary extension fees. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.